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MEMORANDUM

TO: School Health & Nutrition Program Sponsors

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SUBJECT: New Foods and Beverages Not Considered Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value

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This memo serves to inform you of recent modifications made to the Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value (FMNV) list. Remember, FMNV are items that cannot be sold during the designated meals times in the food service area where a reimbursable meal is sold or eaten.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently modified the FMNV list, allowing specific products to be sold in school food service areas during meal service.

The following companies have new products exempted from the “soda water” category of FMNVs:

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| ▪ Apple & Eve LLC | ▪ 4U2U Brands |
| ▪ The Switch Beverage Company | ▪ BIOFREE-USA |
| ▪ Berkeley Street Beverage Company | ▪ The Healthy Beverage Company |
| | ▪ Ardea Beverage Company |

The **Au’some Snack Naturally Inc.** has added products exempted from the jellies and gums category of the FMNVs list. Also, **General Mills** has reformulated specific products, which are now exempted from the FMNV list.

Please review the updated full listing of products at www.ade.az.gov/health-safety/cnp/nslp/foodstomonitor/. All companies, in addition to those listed in this memo, are included.

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Although these products are not considered FMNV, this does not mean they are approved or endorsed by the USDA Food and Nutrition Services or the Arizona Department of Education. Further, with the development of the Arizona Nutrition Standards (ANS), please be aware that some of the items on this list may not be allowed under the ANS.

Additionally, please note that several companies with exempted foods manufacture similar products that are not exempted and still considered FMNV. The exemption of one product does not mean that similar products or a family of products are exempted unless specifically stated in an exemption letter and included on the exemption list.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this memo, please contact your assigned School Health and Nutrition Program Specialist at 602-542-8700.

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